



# *COEUR D'ALENE BASIN News Briefs*

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## **Environmental Protection Agency Highlights**

**Human Health** - Contact: Sean Sheldrake - (206) 553-1220

**Ecological Risk Assessment** - Contact: Anne Dailey - (206) 553-2110

**Feasibility Study** - Contact: Mary Jane Nearman - (206) 553-6642

**Removals** - Contact: Earl Liverman - (208) 664-4858 or (208) 786-5203

- Property owners interested in having their property sampled can call 1-877-284-0399. We anticipate having the ability to sample this Fall, but if not the sampling will occur next Spring.
- The Removal program is now underway. We hope to complete nine residential yards, four driveways, one drinking water system, an elementary school, a trailer park and a R.V. park by the end of this construction season.
- Staff from EPA and DEQ met with Mayors, city council members, and the public to discuss the draft HHRA. The HHRA discusses a range of acceptable exposure concentrations for lead from 400 ppm to 800 ppm that meet the EPA goal of reducing risk for the individual child being at or above 10 ug/dl to five percent or less. Future risk management discussions amongst the agencies and the public will define what the exact cleanup number will be.
- The draft Ecological Risk Assessment has been released for public review. An overview of this document will be discussed during the September 6, 2000 CAC RI/FS Task Force meeting, followed by a two day workshop held with the Ecological Risk Assessment Workgroup on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The comment period is open until October 6, 2000.

## **Documents/Information recently added to the information repositories:**

Final Total Maximum Daily Load for Metals in the Coeur d'Alene Basin (Note: Copies of this document are only located at the DEQ Office in Coeur d'Alene, North Idaho College Library, and Wallace Public Library)

Compact Disc Arc Explorer Mapping Application: Coeur d'Alene Basin RI/FS. Screening results for Cadmium, Lead, and Zinc.

Draft Ecological Risk Assessment

**Other Agency/Entity Contacts and Highlights**

**Bureau of Land Management** - Contact: David Fortier - (208)769-5022

**Coeur d'Alene Tribe** - Contact: Phillip Cernera - (208)667-4119

**Panhandle Health District**- Contact: Jerry Cobb - (208) 783-0707

**Private Land Owners/Managers** - Submitted by Frank Frutchey

Harvest continues at the Old Mission Farmlands Restoration Project. After two years of restoration work at a cost of less than \$1000 per acre\*, 1.5 tons of hay yield per acre was achieved, this time from the west end of the project (yield from this area in 1877 was 1.67 tons per acre). Harvest for grass seed on this project will commence next week. Inspection is invited by all interested parties. (\*estimated cost to dig up this area in Idaho's State cleanup plan is budgeted for \$200,000 per acre).

**Silver Valley Natural Resource Trustees** - Contact: Marti Calabretta - (208) 786-2471

**State of Idaho** - Contact: Rob Hanson (208) 373-0290 or Kathy Johnson (208) 783-5781

The State of Idaho announced today that it has extended the comment period 45 days on the draft Human Health Risk Assessment for the Coeur d'Alene Basin. The new due date is October 16, 2000.

In the mean time, DEQ will begin to conceptually develop its risk management strategy. It is important to begin this process now to make sure the overall project stays on schedule. The risk management strategy and subsequent decisions will not be finalized until public comment is received on the risk assessment. DEQ expects to release a Draft Preliminary Risk Management Alternative by the end of September.

**State of Washington Department of Ecology** - Contact: John Roland - (509) 625-5182

**United States Fish and Wildlife Service** - Contact: Julie Campbell (509)891-0450

**United States Forest Service** - Contact: John Specht or Jeff Johnson - (208) 664-2318

**United States Geological Survey** - Contact: Paul Woods - (208) 387-1353

### Calendar of Events

**September 6<sup>th</sup> , 7 to 9 p.m.**

**CAC RI/FS Task Force.** Coeur d'Alene Inn ( 414 W. Appleway, Coeur d'Alene). Introduction to the draft Ecological Risk Assessment, State of Idaho Cleanup Alternative, and Feasibility Study update.

**September 6<sup>th</sup> , 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Washington CAC.** Will be combined with the CAC RI/FS Task Force meeting mentioned above.

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m.**

**Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition.** Brooks Hotel (500 Cedar Street, Wallace, ID)  
Contact Connie Fudge, 208-753-6022 (group meets the second Tuesday of each month)

**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon**

**Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission.** Associated Logging Contractors Building, Highway 95. TMDL for metals, Effectiveness of the Interstate project, Update on other projects.

**October 4<sup>th</sup> , 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Coeur d'Alene Basin Restoration Project Citizens' Advisory Committee.** Rose Lake Historical Society Building, Rose Lake, ID. North Fork Coeur d'Alene River WAG, North Fork TMDLs (primarily sediment)